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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 2: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. SPAIN: FORCES AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE EXTENDED

FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA PROPOSED TO AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY
THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT RUN FOR ONLY THREE YEARS SINCE,
AFTER FRANCO'S DEMISE, EUROPE WILL LIKELY ACCEPT SPAIN
INTO NATO. HE ALSO:

--INDICATED THE GOS WOULD CONSIDER EXTENDING THE
NEGOTIATIONS BEYOND SEPTEMBER 26 TO REFLECT THE
SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH BOTH SIDES ARE APPROACHING THE
TALKS; BUT

--INSISTED THERE COULD BE NO EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT
AGREEMENT BEYOND SEPTEMBER 26, THUS TRIGGERING THE ONE
YEAR CLOSE OUT PROVISION.

AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY PROPOSED UNSUCCESSFULLY THAT THE
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AGREEMENT NOT TERMINATE WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

2. TURKISH CYPRIOTS AGAIN REJECT "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE"

DENKTASH HAS AGAIN COME OUT STRONGLY AGAINST FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION, TERMING IT A MATTER THAT MUST BE SETTLED BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES. EMBASSY NICOSIA COMMENTS THAT THESE STATEMENTS, OBVIOUSLY TAKEN ON CUES FROM ANKARA, ARE LIKELY TO REINFORCE THE HESITANCY OF THE ITALIANS AND EC-9 FOR UNDERTAKING A MAJOR CYPRUS INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME.

3. PORTUGUESE TO BEGIN WITHDRAWAL FROM TIMOR

EMBASSY JAKARTA HAS LEARNED FROM THE AUSTRALIANS THAT PORTUGAL HAS REQUESTED AUSTRALIAN AND UN ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING ITS CITIZENS FROM TIMOR. WITH THE PREVIOUS TIMETABLE FOR PORTUGUESE WITHDRAWAL APPARENTLY DEAD, THE FEW OFFICIALS WHO REMAIN AS A SYMBOLIC PRESENCE WILL ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A MODUS VIVENDI WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES. FIGHTING IN THE CAPITAL, DELI, IS APPARENTLY HEAVY, AND THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THE CITY.

4. MOROCCO: CONCERN GROWING OVER SAHARA

MOROCCANS ARE EXPRESSING GROWING CONCERN OVER SPANISH ATTEMPTS TO ORGANIZE SAHARAN POLITICAL ELEMENTS:

--THE MOROCCAN PRESS IS REACTING STRONGLY TO REPORTS THAT THE SPANISH MAY BE LEGITIMIZING THE ALGERIAN BACKED F POLISARIO.

--CONCERN IS GROWING THAT THE IJC ADVISORY OPINION MAY NOT EMERGE AS CLEARLY AS THE MOROCCANS HOPE AND THAT SPAIN AND ALGERIA ARE NOW PURSUING A POLICY OF HOLDING FAST WHILE AWAITING THE COURTS OPINION.

EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT THE GOS MAY IN FACT BE TRYING TO PROMOTE A DIALOGUE WITH THE F POLISARIO:

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--THE SHARAN PARTY OF NATIONAL UNIONS (PUNS) HAS BEEN REORGANIZED FOLLOWING ITS DECAPITATION LAST SPRING.

--FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BETWEEN THE GOS AND F POLISARIO AND A NOTABLE DECLINE IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, THERE ARE RUMORS THAT THE F POLISARIO MAY BE LEGITIMIZED.

EMBASSY RABAT COMMENT: AN ICJ OPINION CLEARLY FAVORING MOROCCO WOULD PERMIT FACE SAVING FOR ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING SELF DETERMINATION ADVOCATES. A LESS CLEAR ADVISORY OPINION MAY, HOWEVER, INCREASE PRESSURES ON THE GOM TO ACT ON ITS OWN TO ASSURE A FAVORABLE OUTCOME.

5. NIGERIAN VIEWS ON ANGOLA

WHILE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ANGOLAN SITUATION, NIGERIA IS NOT PRESENTLY INCLINED TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND REMAINS HOPEFUL THAT THE THREE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS CAN SOMEHOW BE BROUGHT TOGETHER AND WORK OUT A SOLUTION. A NIGERIAN MFA OFFICIAL INFORMED THE EMBASSY:

--NIGERIA IS ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ZAIRE'S ALLEGED TERRITORIAL DESIGNS ON THE CABINDA ENCLAVE AND TO SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE AREA.

--NIGERIA'S GOAL IS UNCOMPROMISED INDEPENDENCE FOR ANGOLA AND, WHILE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH SOVIET OR CHINESE INFLUENCE, IS CONCERNED WITH MOBUTU'S HOLD OVER HOLDEN ROBERTO.

--ELECTIONS ARE AN IMPRACTICAL SOLUTION FOR THE CONFLICT, YET NIGERIA IS LEERY OF CHOOSING BETWEEN THE OPPOSING SIDES.

--LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS PROBLEMS OF LEADERSHIP (E.G. NIGERIA'S OPPOSITION TO FIELD MARSHALL AMIN) MAKE THE IDEA OF AN OAU PEACEKEEPING
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FORCE IMPRACTICAL AT THE PRESENT TIME.

6. BANGLADESH

A. PAKISTAN HOPES TO INCREASE ITS INFLUENCE IN BANGLADESH

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD WRITES THAT THE PAKISTANIS ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE NEW BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT WILL BE WILLING TO MOVE FASTER AND FURTHER THAN MUJIB TO COUNTER INDIAN AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN BANGLADESH. WHILE MINDFUL THAT INDIA WILL RETAIN SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE, PAKISTAN:

--FEELS INDIA'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND SUPPORT BANGLADESH HAS ALREADY RECIEVED FROM ARAB NATIONS SUCH AS SAUDI

ARABIA WILL PREVENT AN INDIAN MILITARY ADVENTURE AGAINST BANGLADESH.

--HOPES THAT A MORE FORTHCOMING AND FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL HELP DEFROST RELATIONS AND ALLOW AN EXCHANGE OF ENVOYS.

--EXPECTS CHINA WILL SOON RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT.

PAKISTANIS UNIFORMLY GREETED THE COUP WITH GREAT ELATION, BUT FOREIGN MINISTRY WORRIES THAT BANGLADESH'S FAILURE TO ADOPT THE TITLE "ISLAMIC REPUBLIC" COULD DEFLATE THAT GOODWILL AND REBOUND AGAINST PRESIDENT BHUTTO WHO TOOK THE LEAD IN RECOGNIZING THE NEW REGIME.

B. INDIAN MAGAZINE CASTIGATES US INVOLVEMENT IN COUP

THE BOMBAY MAGAZINE BLITZ HAS RUN A SERIES OF ARTICLES DECRYING THE US INVOLVEMENT IN THE BANGLADESH COUP AND WARNING THAT, BUT FOR THE TIMELY ACTIONS BY MRS. GANDHI, IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED IN INDIA. EMBASSY NEW DELHI CALLS THE SERIES THE MOST RABID SINCE THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND PLANS TO PROTEST IN WRITING TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ORALLY TO MRS. GANDHI.

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C. MILITARY WILL CONTROL GOVERNMENT

EMBASSY DACCA HAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT A "MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL" HAS BEEN FORMED BY THE COUP PARTICIPANTS AND SENIOR MILITARY AND SECURITY CHIEFS TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE GOVERNMENT.

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